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Tamil Nad Congress Committee Exhibition

* 2683 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many departments of this Government participated in the exhibition organized by the Tamil Nad Congress Committee this year at Teynampet, Madras; and

(*b*) what the expenditure incurred on that score was?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] containing the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, may I know whether the Government had any income for the very large amounts spent by them in connection with this exhibition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No direct income, Sir.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : The Government have been pleased to spend about Rs. 2½ lakhs in respect of this exhibition conducted by a private body. I would like to know how the State has been benefited and whether we have been able to get anything out of it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, when we have to function as a democratic State, it is necessary to give wide publicity to the various activities of the Government and we are grateful to the private organization for having given us the facility to participate in the exhibition and exhibit our own activities there. If we had organized an exhibition on such a large scale, we would have incurred much more expenditure.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, is it not a fact that millions of people have been benefited by witnessing the Government stalls in the exhibition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, millions of people have become aware of the governmental activities. To that extent we have sought the co-operation of the people in implementing the various plans of the Government.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : இந்தமாதிரி கண்காட்சி அவசியம். ஆனால் சர்க்கார் என்ன செய்கிறார்கள் ? இவற்றை தாங்களே நடத்தாமல் வேறு கட்சியால் நடத்தப்படும் கண்காட்சிக்கு உதவி செய்கிறார்கள். இதனால் கண்காட்சியால் வரும் லாபம் அந்தத் தனிப்பட்ட கட்சிக்குப் போகிறது. ஆனால் செலவு சர்க்காருக்கு வருகிறது. ஆகவே சர்க்காரே என் இந்தக் கண்காட்சிகளை நடத்தக்கூடாது ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அம்மாதிரி இந்தக் கண்காட்சியை சர்க்கார் நடத்துவது என்றால் இதைவிட அதிகமாகச் செலவாகும் என்பதில் சந்தேகம் இல்லை.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 125 infra.